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THE RAILROAD INVESTIGATION.

It must be confessed that the Pacific Railroads investigating committee is working from President Adams some facts regarding the Union Pacific which do not reflect credit upon those who have controlled the destinies of that great corporation. Open and flagrant violations of the law are shown, and the only excuse for them is the flimsy one that the company's lawyers said the crooked proceedings might be taken. But after all, what will the investigation amount to? What good can come from it? The harm, whatever may be shown, has been done, and it cannot be undone, nor can any reparation be made. It is idle to look the stable after the horse has been stolen. What will it avail to show that the Union Pacific built branches without authority of law, or that it guaranteed bonds in direct defiance of its charter? The utmost the government could do, aside from the prosecution of half a dozen officials, would be to take the main line of the Union Pacific, and the stockholders would probably rejoice if this were done, if they could retain the branches, which are really the only paying portions of the Union Pacific system. It was, doubtless, a violation of the Union Pacific charter, to construct a branch and guarantee the bonds, but it was a wise and commendable violation in every instance except in the case of the Oregon Short Line, that immense white elephant which was, seemingly, constructed for the purpose of putting money into the pockets of the builders, and not to help the Union Pacific. The other branches, so far as we know, are all valuable. The Utah & Northern for years enabled the Union Pacific to pay dividends, and is to-day a paying road and a useful feeder to the main line.

The investigation will expose many irregularities on the part of the Union Pacific and other subsidized roads. But how it is going to help matters, only the Congressman who drafted the bill will be able to understand.

THE PROSPECTORS and mine owners on the Western borders of the Territory, in the Deep Creek country, are clamorous for a railway, and they claim ability to demonstrate that the construction of a line to them would be a profitable investment. It is certain that the district contains immense quantities of lead and silver ores, and while much of these are of low grade, there is some of the richer class, as considerable lots have been transported by team to the Central Pacific, more than a hundred miles distant. It is believed that with a railroad running into the camp, and cheap rates of freight, Deep Creek will become one of the most productive districts in the country. Without a railway it is impossible to work the mines, as the ore will not pay the heavy cost of transportation by mules. The matter is worthy the investigation and consideration of both the Union Pacific and Denver & Rio Grande.

THE BALLOT WOULD DO IT.

At the election in Chambersburg, N. J., on the 12th instant, a Chinaman went to the polls and voted the straight Republican ticket. He took his naturalization papers with him, neatly framed, in a box with a glass cover. Fearing trouble when he offered his vote, he asked a policeman to accompany him to the polls.

The poor fellow was bright and intelligent, but he wasn't bright enough to understand that his right to vote was more protection to him than an army of policemen. It is because the Chinese do not vote, because they take neither interest nor active part in the politics of this country that they are imposed upon, abused and maltreated by everybody. If the Chinese were voters and could be manipulated by party leaders as others are manipulated, we would have no more of outrages perpetrated on them; if the poor Mongolians would vote the demagogues would not be heard inciting mobs to persecute and drive them out; the cry of "Chinese cheap labor" would be a thing of the past, and the copper-colored Asiatics would be lauded for their industry, their temperance and their faithfulness. The vote would transform what are now denounced as Chinese vices into commendable virtues, worthy of emulation. The ballot in the hands of the Chinese, would at once bring the Mongolians under the protection of politicians, and statesmen would vie with each other in efforts to

please the race which to-day every scamp alien in the land thinks he has the right to abuse. Let the Chinamen become naturalized and begin to exercise political power at the polls, and the Dennis Kearneys would as soon be applauded for denouncing the Savior as for saying a word against a Mongolian. The ballot would make the Chinese respected above certain other foreigners.

Some of the newspapers of Virginia cannot understand how it is that the number of men in that State who lost arms, legs or eyes in the Confederate service, increase so rapidly. One would naturally think that in the course of twenty years some of the unfortunates would have died. In 1895, the year after the close of the war, the State expended for its soldiers maimed as above \$20,000, and last year it expended for them more than four times as much, or \$83,000. It would seem from this, that the wounded men are not only immortal, but are rapidly increasing. Another twenty years at the same rate of increase, and Virginia will again have to repudiate her debts.

MISLEADING FIGURES.

The announcement from Washington the other day that over 1,000,000.00 acres of public land was yet unsurveyed, is being used by some of the newspapers as an argument in favor of the further encouragement of immigration from Europe, it being urged that this vast area will furnish homes for millions of people. It is probably true that there is so much land that has not been surveyed, and still belongs to the government; but it is equally true that the most of this land will remain unsurveyed for all time. We forget how many hundred thousands and acres of this land was credited to Utah, but the area was immense. If one will look over the country, however, he will discover that these acres are spread out on mountains and hopelessly sterile plains, the land that is tillable being practically gone. What is true of this Territory is true of the other Territories and States, the best land having been surveyed and sold by government. The man desiring a homestead to-day would be put to some trouble to find one that was really desirable. In a few years there will be no public land worth homesteading, when the government sales will be restricted to such tracts as can be disposed of for grazing purposes.

THE MEMPHIS *Avantgarde* thinks the Democrats may be forced to nominate Randall for President, as his tariff views will save Tennessee and Virginia to the Democrats. This is peculiar kind of argument; why not have the Democrats nominate Blaine, and trust to his tariff ideas to carry Iowa, Kansas, Pennsylvania, the New England States, and at the same time save Missouri and Tennessee? The Democrats will be as apt to nominate Blaine as Randall, for one is about as good a Democrat as the other, and about as influential in the party.

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In the matter of the estate of J. W. Williamson, deceased.

Order to show Cause why Order of Sale of Real Estate should not be made.

JOSEPH R. WALKER AND ROYD PARK, the executors of the last will and testament of J. W. Williamson, deceased, having filed their petition herein, duly verified, praying for an order of sale of the real estate of said decedent, for the purpose therein set forth, it is therefore ordered by the Judge of said Court, that all persons interested in the estate of said decedent, appear before the said Probate Court on Monday, the 16th day of May, 1887, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the Court Room of said Probate Court, at the County Court House, in the City and County of Salt Lake, Utah Territory, to show cause why an order should not be granted to the said administrators, to sell so much of the real estate of the said decedent, at public or private sale, as shall be necessary, and that a copy of this order be published at least four successive weeks in the SALT LAKE DAILY HERALD, a newspaper printed and published in said City and County.

Dated April 13th, 1887.

ELIAS A. SMITH, Probate Judge.

TERRITORY OF UTAH, COUNTY OF SALT LAKE, ss.

I, John C. Cutler, Clerk of the Probate Court in and for the County of Salt Lake, in the Territory of Utah, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Order to show Cause why Order of Sale of Real Estate should not be made in the matter of the Estate of Jonathan M. Williamson, deceased, as appears of record in my office.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, this 13th day of April, A. D. 1887.

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